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SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. There are no further lights on. Senator Landis, do you have a closing? Closing is waived. The question before the body is, shall LB 55 be advanced to E & R Initial? All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 mays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 55.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 55 is advanced. Mr. Clerk, LB 67.

CLERK: LB 67, introduced by Senator Schrock and others. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9, referred to Urban Affairs, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schrock, to open on your bill.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, LB 67 is a bill that was introduced a year ago as LB 1202 and was advanced out of committee but did not have the time to be considered on the floor. It's an issue that was brought to me by Linda Cox from Deshler, Nebraska; she's a CPA and does bookkeeping for cities of the second class in her area of the state. And, by the way, the definition of a second class city is a city that has a population between 800 and 5,000. And this allows them to combine their sewer funds and their water funds for accounting purposes. She checked with the State Auditor's Office, they were unaware of the statute and were not enforcing it. And so I consider this bill to be kind of a housekeeping piece of legislation, and it should streamline government in rural Nebraska.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Schrock, there are no lights on, would you care to close? Closing is waived. The question is, shall LB 67 be advanced? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CIERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 67.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 67 is advanced. LB 6.